

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the indicated portions of the written description as shown below in marked form:

At page 10, lines 6-10:

The means to apply pressure ~~aets~~ may act to urge the belts towards each other to induce a hydraulic pressure in the material to be dewatered therebetween. In a continuous belt process, it will usually be convenient for this pressure to increase as the material passes through the ~~system, for example in that system.~~ For example, the gap between the belts is belts may be reduced.

At page 10, lines 19-26:

Where it is desired to apply a potential difference across the material to be dewatered in a region relating to only a part of the filtration membrane, this may be achieved in that a conductor is associated only with that part of the filtration membrane. Alternatively, conductors may be associated with the membrane across substantially its entire area, for example in a plurality of discrete regions, but only electrically supplied in the desired region. Where the apparatus is a continuous belt apparatus, and more particularly where the belt comprises ~~EKG~~ electrokinetic geosynthetic (EKG) material, the latter approach may be preferred.

At page 11, lines 8-13:

As indicated, the filtration ~~membrane is~~ membranes are integrally conducting and in particular ~~comprises~~ comprise a conducting ~~electrokinetic geosynthetic~~ EKG material (~~EKG~~). The principles of conducting electrokinetic geosynthetic materials have been established, and were for example set out in International Patent application number WO95/21965 to Jones *et al* incorporated herein by reference.

At page 26, line 5:

Based on a ~~1003~~ weave of ~~0.65/0.80~~ 0.65/0.80 and 15/6